



*Living Your Potential - All Your Life!*

*Enabling Full Participation*

*For People With Developmental Disabilities*

## Surrey Place Centre Developmental Therapy Student Placement

Surrey Place Centre provides specialized clinical services to help children and adults living with developmental disabilities, visual impairments and autism spectrum disorder reach their full potential. We offer unique student placements with Developmental Therapists in our Infancy and Early Childhood Program to students in their final year of a university level Early Childhood Education Program or post-graduate college Early Childhood Education programs who have knowledge about and a passion for working with persons living with developmental disabilities. Our IEC Program provides Developmental Therapy services for infants and children from birth to age six who are suspected of having a developmental disability and supports their families and caregivers.

### DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPY STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Opportunity to learn of a wide range of disabilities and challenges related to Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, hearing, visual, health and aging issues, challenging behaviours, etc.
- Work with clients' caregivers, parents, teachers, residential, respite and day program workers and vocational instructors.
- Work with experienced clinicians in an interdisciplinary team setting (will work with physicians, nurses, occupational therapy, speech language pathologists, psychologists and other disciplines as necessary)
- Follow previously determined recommendations outlines by the therapist and other professionals involved
- Use the screening tool and work with the caregivers to develop appropriate suggestions for skill acquisition
- Complete documentation for home visits and scheduled reports
- Learn of government and community supports for persons with developmental disability

### PLACEMENT CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Experience working with children with disabilities and communicating with families
- Interest in working with persons living with developmental disabilities
- Familiarity with screening tools and how they are used to promote a child's learning
- Excellent communication skills
- Independence in planning own schedule, and navigating around the city
- Statement of Understanding between academic institution and SPC with evidence of WSIB coverage (not covered by SPC)
- French is considered an asset

**Available placements:** 2 per year

**Application Deadlines:** May 1 (for September placement)  
November 1 (for January placement)

For more information on Surrey Place Centre and our student placements, please contact the **Student Placement Coordinator at your Institution** or visit the **Surrey Place Centre website:**

[www.surreyplace.on.ca](http://www.surreyplace.on.ca)